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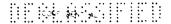
REGARDING INTERNATIONAL ACCESS AUTHORITY, I CONFESSED SOULD NOT RPT NOT UNDERSTAND INCOMPATIBILITY THEREOF WITH SO-CALLED SOVEREIGNTY OF GDR RPT GDR SINCE SOVIET FROPOSAL ALSO WOULD APPARENTLY PROVIDE ACCESS GUARANTEES FOR WEST BERLIN, ACCED, IN OUR OPINION, IAA RPT IAA WOULD PREVENT TENS ONS OVER ACCESS.

I STATED WE COULD NOT RPT NOT OF COURSE AGREE WITH GROWYKO'S CLAIM THAT EAST BERLIN WAS PART OF GOR RPT SOR. POINTED OUT THAT IF WE COULD PEACH AGREEMENT ON BERLIN QUESTION IT WOULD IN ITSELF REDUCE MOST OF THE FINSION THERE, IT IS BECAUSE WE ARE UNABLE TO A SPECIAL EXISTS.

PLACEF, SED SURPRISE GROMYKO AGAIN RAISED QUEST, N. OF SYMBOL I SOVIET CONTINGENTS IN WEST BERLIN, F. N. TING SHIT IN THE GROSS THAT MY GOVERNMENT HAS MADE ITS POSITION IN THIS SUBSTITUTE OF THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO SEE HOW SOVIETS CAN FIRST DISPOSE OF THEIR PART OF BERLIN AND THEN PRETEND TO HAVE RIGHTS ON THE OTHER PART. ALSO QUESTIONED WHY SOVIETS FEEL IT NECESSARY PLACE DEADLINE ON PRESENCE FOREIGN THOOP CONTINGENTS, EVEN UNDER THEIR PROPOSAL, SINCE TROOPS ARE AND WOULD BE TO GUARANTEE BERLIN SECURITY. THIS SECURITY WOULD REMAIN IMPORTANT UNTIL A FINAL RESOLUTION OF GERMAN QUESTION.

I THEN STATED THAT GROMYKO HAD SPOKEN OF A PEACE TREATY, EVEN A SEPARATE PEACE TREATY, AS MEANS REDUCE TENSION.
I QUESTIONED HOW ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD THREATEN VITAL RIGHTS WESTERN POWERS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO REDUCING TENSION. REMINDED GROMYKO THAT WE HAVE NEVER SAID WE WOULD OPPOSE MERE CONCLUSION OF A PEACE TREATY WITH FORCE BUT THAT THEY CLAIM THIS ACTION WOULD LIQUIDATE OUR PIGHTS.
I AGAIN ASKED WHAT THEN WOULD RE POSITION OF OUR FORCES THERE.

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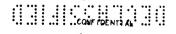
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GROMYKO EXPRESSED INABILITY UNDERSTAND HOW, IF WESTERN POWERS ALSO HAVE AIM OF REDUCING TENSION, THEY CAN OPPOSE SOVIET PROPOSALS FOR PEACE TREATY AND FREE AND DEMILITARIZED CITY OF WEST BERLIN. HE INSISTED RETENTION OF "THE REMNANTS OF WW TWO AND THE OCCUPATION REGIME" IS NOT RPT NOT MEANS OF REDUCING TENSION AND IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO STATES. "SOVIET GOVERNMENT CATEGORICALLY REFUSES AGREE TO MAINTENANCE EXISTING SITUATION IN GERMANY-LASENCE PEACE TREATY AND MAINTENANCE OCCUPATION REGIME, WHICH WE ARE CONVINCED ARE SOURCE OF TENSIONS AND POSSIBLE CONFLICT." HE CONTINUED, SOVIET GOVERNMENT CANNOT AGREE PROCRASTINATION PRESENT SITUATION.

GROMYKO, AS IN EARLIER MEETINGS, THEN EXPRESSED REGRET THAT SO FAR RPT SO FAR IT HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN POSSIBLE ACHIEVE PROGRESS DUE TO US RPT US POSITION.

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HE STATED HE ACCEPTED MY EXPLANATION THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN USG POSITION SINCE HIS TALKS WITH SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT, BUT HE SAID MY STATEMENT THAT AGREEMENT WITH ALLIES IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL ACCESS AGREED ATTESTS TO FACT WE ARE TRYING TO IMPOSE A PLAN ON THESE TALKS TO EFFECT THAT THEY MUST REVOLVE AROUND ACCESS QUESTION, WHILE THIS IS WESTERN POSITION, HE CONTINUED, SOVIET POSITION DIFFERS. "WE CONSIDER IT NECESSARY THAT ALL QUESTIONS INCLUDING PEACE TREATY AND WEST BERLIN PROBLEM BE DISCUSSED." HE REITERATED THAT SOVIET GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING KHRUSHCHEV HIMSELF, DOES NOT REJECT DISCUSSION ACCESS QUESTION WHICH HE HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED WITH ME.

GROMYKO THEN TURNED TO MY REFERENCE TO KHRUSHCHEV STATEMENT REGARDING WESTERN TROOPS IN BERLIN. HE AGREED KHRUSHCHEV HAD MADE SUCH STATEMENT TO PRESIDENT IN VIENNA, BUT, HE SAID, THAT IS EXACTLY WHY WE ARE DOUBLY SURPRISED MEST ATTEMPTING MAINTAIN OCCUPATION REGIME IN MEST BERLIN. AND SO OPPOSED TO THEIR WITHDRAWAL OR ADDITION SOVIET CONTINGENTS IF TROOPS HAVE NO MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE. "THEY BO, HOWEVER, HAVE SIGNIFICANCE BECAUSE THEY TURN WEST WENT INTO SERIOUS CENTER OF DANGER BY THEIR PRESENCE. MEDITY OF CLAIMED MY STATEMENT THAT FORCES PRESENT IN BERLIN IN MESPANSE COLLOWING TO BEFEND WEST WERLIN POPULATION IS SIMPLY AN ARQUADAT TO SUPPORT US DESIRE RETAIN OUR TROOPS IN WEST SERLING WE SECLARED THE HAVE NO RELATIONSHIP TO THESE GELIGATIONS. ".. WESTERN TROOPS CAME TO VEST BERL IN LINDER COLLECT DIFFERENT OBLIGATIONS --

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THOSE ASSUMED BY THE ALLIANCE AGAINST HITLER GERMANY. HE INSISTED ALLEGED OBLIGATIONS WESTERN POWERS TO WEST BERLIN POPULATION ARE NOT LEGITIMATE AND ARE WITHOUT ANY INTERNATIONAL LEGAL FORCE, "THEY ALSO DO NOT REDUCE TENSION, BUT RUN CONTRARY TO THE AIMS ASSUMED BY ALLIANCE AFTER DEFEAT HITLERITE GERMANY, THAT 13, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PEACE-LOVING DEMOCRATIC STATE OF GERMANY". LEAVING ASIDE FACT NO ONE INTENDS DISTURB WEST BERLIN ORDER, GROMYNO STATED, SUCH OBLIGATIONS DO NOT ARITS IN FOTCOMA AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER AGREEMENT WE HAVE PARTICIFATED IN. HE ADDED AFTERTHOLOGHT, "WHICH YOU HAVE BROKEN."

GROMYKO THEN TURNED TO MY QUESTION, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS "VARIANT", WHY DEACLINE NECESSARY ON TROOPS IN WEST BURLIN SINCE PURPOSE IL TO GUARANTEE SECURITY. HE STATED SOVIET GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS INVESTINITE RETENTION WESTERN FORCES AND SOVIET FORCES IN WEST BURLIN QUITE IMPOSSIBLE, SUCH SITUATION DOES NOT MEET IN SUCH SITUATION DOES NOT MEET IN SUCH SITUATION DOES NOT MEET IN SUCH SITUATION SECURITY.

GROMYKO CRITICIZED MY STATEMENT USG NOT SO MUCH CONCERNED WITH SOVIET PEACE TREATY WITH GDR, AS WITH ITS AFFECT ON POSITION OF WESTERN POWERS IN WEST BERLIN. "SUCH A SITUATION UNTHINKABLE SINCE CONCLUSION PEACE TREATY IS NOT SIMPLY FORMALITY, BUT A MAJOR STEP FROM WHICH WOULD FLOW IMPORTANT MEASURES." HE CONCLUDED BY REITERATING SOVIET GOVERNMENT PREFERS AGREED SOLUTION BUT AGAIN SAID, "UNFORTUNATELY, SO FAR POSITION OF USG OFFERS NO HOPE FOR SUCCESS."

I REPLIED WITH: REGARD QUESTION OF FREE CITY, I HAD ALREADY EXPRESSED MY VIEWS AND MY GOVERNMENT UNDOUBTEDLY WILL COMMENT FURTHER; REGARDING QUESTION OF AGREEMENT WITH OUR ALLIES, I POINTED OUT I HAD NOT REFERRED JUST TO ACCESS, BUT TO NATURE OF THE WHOLE SETTLEMENT OF BERLIN PROBLEM; REGARDING HE REMARKS ON OUR OBLIGATIONS

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TO POPULATION OF BERLIN HAVING NO LEGAL FORCE WITH SOVIETS, I POINTED OUT THIS MIGHT BE, BUT HE HAD SAID SOVIETS COULD NOT CONSIDER ALL BERLIN SOLUTION BECAUSE EAST BERLIN IS THE CAPITAL OF GDR. WE DID NOT AGREE WITH THIS AND "THIS CLAIM HAS NO LEGAL FORCE WITH US"; I REPEATED THAT US ATTACH IMPORTANCE MAINTENANCE OUR TROOPS IN WEST BERLIN UNTIL RESOLUTION GERMAN QUESTION, BUT DENIED ANY INTENTION CREATEA "SPRINGBOARD". GROWYKO BEGAN TO DEVELOP HIS PREVIOUS ARGUMENTS THAT BASIC SOCIAL DIFFERENCES WHICH HAVE EMERGED BETWEEN WEST AND EAST BERLIN ARE BASIS (#) BUT HE APPARENTLY THOUGHT BETTER OF IT, AND WE CLOSED THE MEETING WITH MY REITERATION ASSURANCE I WOULD TRANSMIT HIS DECLARATION SOONEST.

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